GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service – Registration & Stamps – Surprise check conducted over the O/o Sub Registrar Office, Chilakaluripet on 01.03.2021 – Allegations of misconduct against Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet - Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Articles of Charge framed - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE–II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.963 **Dated:29.08.2025.**

Read the following:

1. From DG, ACB, A.P, C.No.14/DES-VGT/ 2021-S.17, dt.08.08.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.299, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dated:29.08.2025.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet is directed to submit his written statement of defence within ten days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o SRO, Chilakaluripet (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) through the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli (with a request to serve the order on the
individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh, Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATLAGUNTA SRINIVASA RAO, S/o VEERA SWAMY, AGED 47 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR, O/o SRO, CHILAKALURIPET.

That Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, S/o Veera Swamy, Aged 47 years, Joint Sub Registrar, Chilakaluripeta. He is herein after referred as Government servant. While working as Joint Sub - Registrar, from 05.10.2019 to 01.03.2021, he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

"That the Government servant during his tenure from 05.10.2019 to 1.03.2021 has allowed 3 private persons viz.1) Shaik Suleman, S/o Masthan Vali, Computer operator, 2) Shaik Rasheed, S/o Masthan Vali, Private Attender and 3) Shaik Waheed Rehiman, S/o Masthan Vali, Private computer operator for doing official work in the SRO Office, Chilakaluripet on daily wages without any authorization from the superior officers" in violation of Circular Memo No. 40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008, dt.:29-09-2008. Circular Memo No.24, Dt.:28-10-1998 and Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013, Dt.:18-04-2013 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain absolute integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/ contravened Rule 3 (1), 3 (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATLAGUNTA SRINIVASA RAO, S/o VEERA SWAMY, AGED 47 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR, O/o SRO, CHILAKALURIPET.

That Sri Katlagunta Srinivasa Rao, S/o Veera Swamy, Aged 47 years, Joint Sub Registrar, Chilakaluripet, is native of Anantavaram Village, Tulluru Mandal. His date of birth is 08.10.1974. He joined Government service on 31.08.1998 as a Secondary Grade Teacher, further he was selected as Sub-Registrar on 21.10.2009. He is working at Joint Sub Registrar, Chilakaluripet from 05.10.2019 to 01.03.2021. He is drawing Basic pay of Rs.47,330/- in the RPS Rs.29,760/- to 80,930/-. He is going to retire from service on 31.10.2036 on attaining the age of superannuation. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S).

CHARGE:

"That the Government servant during his tenure from 05.10.2019 to 01.03.2021 has allowed 3 private persons viz.1) Shaik Suleman, S/o Masthan Vali, Computer operator, 2) Shaik Rasheed, S/o Masthan Vali, Private Attender and 3) Shaik Waheed Rehiman, S/o Masthan Vali, Private computer operator for doing official work in the SRO Office, Chilakaluripet on daily wages without any authorization from the superior officers" in violation of Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008, dt.:29-09-2008. Circular Memo No.24, Dt.:28-10-1998 and Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013, Dt.:18-04-2013 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP., Hyderabad.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information about the corrupt practices of the officials of the Sub Registrar Office, Chilakaluripet, Registration & Stamps Department by collecting bribe amounts/mamools from the public who approached them for their official works like Registration of properties, obtaining ECs and etc., through some private persons engaged by them and from Document Writers as well as their assistants, to escape from the clutches of Anti-Corruption Agencies, a Surprise Check was conducted on the said Sub Registrar office on 01.03.2021 from 06 PM to 1.45 AM on 02-03-2021 in the presence of mediators.

During the surprise check, the surprise check party noticed the following private persons in the office other than the regular staff who were in the possession of the amounts mentioned against each.

S. No	Name of the person	Private person	Amount (in Rs)
1	Shaik Suleman	Private person	6350
2	Shaik Waheed	Private person	1500
3	Shaik Rasheed	Private person	14060
		TOTAL	**21,910/-**

The DSP then questioned the FAC SRO Sri Kancharla Vijaya Kumar as to why he is allowing private persons to work in the SRO office despite clear guidelines of the government not to do so, he stated that the brother's trio have been working since about 2 years and he is not the person who engaged them. His former Sub-Registrars engaged them and continuing in the office. When the DSP questioned as to why he did not take steps to dispense the services of brother's trio, as soon as he took charge as Joint SRO, Chilakaluripet, he remained silent.

During the surprise check the above three private persons viz., Sri Shaik Suleman, Sri Shaik Rasheed and Sri Shaik Waheed Rehiman who were found in the SRO Office at the time of surprise check by ACB Officials were examined. All of them unison stated that they are working since two years they were engaged by the SRO and staff on daily wages to work in the office without any authorization

from the superior officers. They used to attend to the works entrusted by the Sub Registrar including collection of amounts from the document writers.

During the surprise check the DSP examined District Registrar Sri Madduru Surya Gopala Krishna Murthy, stated that eengaging private persons as data entry operators and to handle with the Government computers andit is violation of Circular Memo No. 40254/ VIG.VI(1)/2008, dt.:29-09-2008. Circular Memo No.24, Dt.:28-10-1998 and Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013, Dt.:18-04-2013 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP., Hyderabad.

The following oral and documentary evidence is available to substantiate the allegation.

ORAL EVIDENE:

1. Sri Shaik Suleman S/o. Masthan vali, 42 yrs, Private Computer Operator, R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town.

On examination he stated that he is the resident of Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town. He studied Intermediate and worked in private companies as a clerk for many years and now working as Private Computer Operator in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet since about 2 years. He has computer knowledge and used to prepare, daily, weekly, monthly statements and attend to the works entrusted by the Sub-Registrar. Previously, the Sub-Registrars used to pay him Rs.400/- per day and now he is being paid an amount of Rs.500/- per day by the Sub-Registrar.

He added that soon after his joining as Private computer operator, he requested the then Sub-Registrars and also got his two brothers viz. Shaik Waheed Rahiman, 38 yrs engaged as private computer operator and Shaik Rasheed as an attender. His younger brother Waheed Rehiman is being paid an amount of Rs.300/- per day while his youngest brother Rasheed is being paid Rs.150/- per day by the Sub-Registrar.

He further added that he used to note the details of the documents presented and got registered by each document writer on a particular day and the mamool amounts to be paid to the employees of SRO by each document writer on that day on a paper. Either on that day or the next day, he with the assistance of his brother Rasheed and Waheed collects the amounts for the employees of Sub-Registrar Office from the Document writers and hands over the total amount of mamools to the Sub-Registrar. Then the SRO will share the amounts between himself and other employees of the office besides paying the daily salary to himself and his two brothers.

He added that on 01.03.2021 evening the officials of ACB have conducted surprise check on the office of Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet. At that juncture he and his two brothers were present in the SRO office, Chilakaluripet attending to their works. ACB officials have seized nine (9) sheets from his possession, containing the details of the mamools paid by the documents writers on the dates mentioned in each of the sheet, scribed by him on 28.12.2020, 11.02.2021, 12.02.2021, 15.02.2021, 16.02.2021 and 27.02.2021. In the 9 sheets the names of the following document writers who have paid the amount on that particular dates were noted. The names of the Document writers are (1) Bosu Babu (2) Sivudu (3) Anil, (4) Seshi Reddy, (5) Deepak (6)Venkaiah (7) Basha (8) Bhaskara Rao (9) Sasi (10) Rama Krishna (11) KSR Anjaneyulu (12) TSR Ramu (13) Ravi (14) Khan (15) Raghu and (16) Muzeeb.

He further stated that on 01.03.2021, he collected an amount of Rs.6,350/- and his brother Shaik Rasheed has collected an amount of Rs.14,060/- from the document writers.

He added that as and when the document writers pay the mamool amount to the office, he will destroy the slips issued by the document writers with their own hand writing.

2. Sri Shaik Rasheed S/O. Masthan vali, 36 yrs, Private Office Attender R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town.

On examination he corroborated his elder brother Sri Shaik Suleman in all material aspects and added that he is working as a private attender in the SubRegistrar Office, Chilakaluripet since about 2 years and he is being paid an amount of Rs.150/- per day by the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet and he has Rs.14,060/- in his possession being the mamool amount collected by him from the document writers on 01.03.2021 and etc. facts.

3. Sri Shaik Waheed Rehiman S/O. Masthan vali, 38 yrs, Private Computer operator, R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town.

On examination he corroborated his elder brother Sri Shaik Suleman in all material aspects and added that he is working as a private computer operator in the Sub-Registrar Office, Chilakaluripet since about 2 years and he is being paid an amount of Rs.300/- per day by the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet. He is attending to the work of preparing the CC of Documents (certified copies) in computer section. He added that he has Rs.1,500/- in his possession which has been collected by him from the parties who came to him for CC of documents on 01.03.2021 and etc. facts.

4. Sri Madduru Surya Gopala Krishna Murthy, District Registrar (Audit & Market Value), Guntur. In charge District Registrar, Narasaraopet.

He is working as District Registrar (Audit & Market Value), Guntur. He is also acting as Incharge District Registrar, Narasaraopet since the regular District Registrar AVRK Prasad was deputed to Office of the Commissioner, Inspector General of Registrations & Stamps, Eedpugallu, Vijayawada. He used to work 3 days in the week at I.G office and remaining 3 days at Narasaraopet. He will act as Incharge district Registrar for 3 days in a week in the absence of regular District Registrar. Further he stated the procedural aspects to be followed in the SubRegistrar Office and his statement was recorded in detail in the mediators report. During the course of surprise check, when the Addl. SP, ACB, Guntur examined, he stated that with regard to the irregularities notices against the Sub Registrar and other staff of Sub Registrar office, Chilakaluripet with regard to the allowing of document writers for the purpose of registration related works along with parties into the office is violation of the orders of the Department/Government. The possession of excess amount than the declared amount by the staff of Sub Registrar, Chilakaluripet is also a violation. Engaging private persons as data entry operators and to middle with the Government computers and data is also a violation as per the standing orders of the Inspector General, Registration and stamps Department and etc., facts,

5. Sri A.V.R.K Prasad, District Registrar, Narasaraopet:

On examination he stated that SO-2 to SO-4, previously worked as SubRegistrar, Chilakaluripet and etc facts,

6. Sri Kukkamalla Rajeswara Rao S/o Nageswara Rao, 48 years, Gazetted Head Master, Z.P. High School, Vellaturu, Bollapalli mandal, Guntur District.

7. Sri Katta Chandra Mohan S/o Sambaiah, 42 years, School Assistant (English), Z.P. High School, Gundlapalli, Nakarikallu mandal, Guntur District.

Witness Nos. 6 and 7 are the mediators to the surprise check conducted on 01.03.2021 on the office of the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet, Registration & Stamps Department and drafted the mediators report dt. 01.03.2021.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1) Mediator's Report Dt. 01.03.2021 from 15:15 hours to 23:00 hours Drafted by the Mediators at Office of the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet.

It contains the proceedings dt. 01.03.2021 conducted during the surprise check on the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripeta, Registration & Stamps Department, Chilakaluripet, where in certain irregularities were noticed against the SOs, unaccounted amounts and documents seized and etc. facts.

2) GOVT. CIRCULAR MEMO NO.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1, DT: 29.09.2008.

The Govt. through this memo has instructed all the Registration Department officials that "Engaging private persons and collection of mamools and allowing Document Writers to enter into the Sub-Registrar offices, engaging private persons to assist in office work, and delay in handing over of registered documents to the parties would amount to violation and suitable Disciplinary action will be initiated against the erring officials."

3. Circular No.24, Dated. 28.10.1998 of the Commissioner and Inspector General Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., HYDERABAD.

4. Circular Memo No. CARD2/5979/2013, DT.18.04.2013 of the Commissioner and Inspector General Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., HYDERABAD.

Perusal of the above circulars in Sl.Nos.3 and 4 revealed that the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad has issued the above circulars instructing the officials of the Registration and Stamps Dept. that 'no person other than an employee of the Registration and Stamps Department shall be allowed to handle the computer systems or the peripherals for any purpose who so ever and only the authorized representatives of the vendors may be allowed to handle the equipment to the extent it is required to attend the repairs or maintenance works'.

5. Letters No.E1/453/2021, Dts.17.04.2021, 21.01.2022, 04.02.2022 and 07.02.2022 of District Registrar, Narasaraopet.

Through this letters, DR Narasaraopet furnished service particulars, job charts of the all caders working in Sub- Registrar Office and officers held charge of SRO, Chilakaluripet, from 01.03.2019 to 01.03.2021.

In view of the above oral and documentary evidence, the Government Servant Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet, is substantiated that during the period 05.10.2019 onwards has allowed 3 private persons to work in the sub-registrar office without any authorization orders from his superiors.It is violation of Circular Memo No.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008, dt.:29-09-2008. Circular Memo No.24, Dt.:28-10-1998 and. Circular Memo No. Card 2/5979/2013, Dt.:18-04-13 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP., Hyderabad.

Thus, Sri. K. Srinivasa Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripeta, by the above acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATLAGUNTA SRINIVASA RAO, S/o VEERA SWAMY, AGED 47 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR, O/o SRO, CHILAKALURIPET.

1. Sri Shaik Suleman S/O. Masthan vali, 42 yrs, Private Computer Oparator R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town. Phone No. 9492327462.

2. Sri Shaik Rasheed S/O. Masthan vali, 36 yrs, Private Office Attender R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town.

3. Sri Shaik Waheed Rehiman S/O. Masthan vali, 38 yrs, Private Computer oparator R/o D.No.13-47, Gurrala Chavidi, Chilakaluripet Town.

4. Sri A.V.R.K Prasad, District Registrar, Narasaraopet.

5. Sri Kukkamalla Rajeswara Rao S/o Nageswara Rao, 48 years, Gazetted Head Master, Z.P. High School, Vellaturu, Bollapalli mandal.

6. Sri Katta Chandra Mohan S/o Sambaiah, 42 years, School Assistant (English), Z.P. High School, Gundlapalli, Nakarikallu mandal.

7. T.V.V.Pratap Kumar, DSP, ACB, Guntur,

8. Ch. Ravi babu, District Inspector, ACB, Guntur.

9. If any witness found necessary, will be produced at the time enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATLAGUNTA SRINIVASA RAO, S/o VEERA SWAMY, AGED 47 YEARS, JOINT SUB REGISTRAR, O/o SRO CHILAKALURIPET.

1. Mediator's Report Dt. 01.03.2021 from 15:15 hours to 23:00 hours Drafted by the Mediators at Office of the Sub-Registrar, Chilakaluripet.

2. GOVT. CIRCULAR MEMO NO.40254/VIG.VI(1)/2008-1, DT: 29.09.2008.

3. Circular No.24, Dated. 28.10.1998 of the Commissioner and Inspector General Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., HYDERABAD.

4. Circular Memo No. CARD2/5979/2013, DT. 18.04.2013 of the Commissioner and Inspector General Registration and Stamps Department, A.P., HYDERABAD.

5. Letters No.E1/453/2021, Dts.17.04.2021, 21.01.2022, 04.02.2022 and 07.02.2022 of District Registrar, Narasaraopet.

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